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## Senate Discusses Degrees: Issue of Arts vs. Science



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B.S. again: The committee reports to the Senate.

By JEFFREY WANDEL

The Senate has begun debate on a proposal offering YC students the possibility of acquiring a B.S. degree.

A special committee consisting of Dr. J. Ginsberg, Dr. A. Marrin, Dr. M. Weidhorn, Sam Safran, Manny Ruchelsman, Leo Frishman and alumnus, Danny Chazin was recently established to review the B. A. degree presently being offered at YC.

The Committee suggested that students majoring in mathematics, the pure sciences, pre-engineering, pre-med or pre-dent, be given a choice of graduating with either a B.A. or B.S. degree. Under this proposal those students choosing a B.S. degree would conform with present requirements in Jewish Studies, Physical Education, Social Sciences and the one year English

Speech requirement. The Humanities requirement would be reduced from the present 14 credits to a minimum of 6. Finally, to give a realistic meaning to the Bachelor of Science de-

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## Students Form A 'Political Party,' Stressing Need For Revitalization

Several students have recently announced the formation of a political party on campus. Known as the United Project, its stated purpose is to make "a concerted effort to revitalize Yeshiva College Student Council." This faction also plans to introduce a slate of candidates in the forthcoming election.

An official statement recently transmitted to THE COMMENTATOR outlined the cause for the United Project's development and the need it hopes to fill. Disgruntled by the deterioration of student activities throughout the past few years, the coordinators of this party plan to familiarize the student body with the shortcomings of YCSC.

The United Project's first undertaking will be to research the activities of each incumbent student representative. Budgetary allocations will also be investigated. At a press conference titled "YCSC What For Art Thou" scheduled for next week, some of their findings will be revealed.

Part of this familiarization program is to make known Council's constitutional responsibilities

to the student body thus clarifying exactly what can be expected from student representatives.

Though constituting a political party, the United Project does not necessarily adhere to a specific ideology. Through their efforts they hope to expose the deficiencies of the present council and involve students who are concerned with remedying this situation. The sole requirement for membership is a willingness to be actively involved with student activities on campus.

The projected culmination of the United Project is to present a slate of representatives at the next student election. The founders of the party are anxious to elect responsible dedicated students since they fear that "another year of inactivity will be disastrous to student life at Yeshiva College."

The coordinators of the United Project are Michael Bergman, Abe Blank, Michael Bloom, Leo Frishman, Alan Kaufman, Michael Klein and Henry Schacher.

## Alumnus Granted Vote On Student Council; YCSC Discusses Tay Sachs Clinic At YU;

An amendment allowing for the installation of an alumnus as a voting member of YCSC was passed at the Council's January meeting. Other issues concerning a Tay Sachs clinic, committees and student publications were also discussed.

Following a brief introduction by Hillel Davis, Mr. Mark Berkowitz, the alumni's liaison officer for YCSC, addressed the student representatives. Mr. Berkowitz pointed to his years and declared himself ready to function presently as a voting alumni representative. When enumerating the advantages of allowing alumni representation, Mr. Berkowitz made mention of the possibility of more generous financial aid from the alumni for student activities.

The nature of the constitutional amendment that would introduce an alumnus as a bona fide member of YCSC was discussed. The necessary two-thirds majority vote was obtained in order to pass this amendment.

A testing clinic for Tay Sachs was the next issue presented to Council. A newly formed committee is presently involved with informing students about this disease, which is genetically determined and occurs predominantly among Jews of Eastern European extraction. A temporary testing clinic at Yeshiva is tentatively planned for the first week of May.

It was emphasized, however, that the test is extremely ex-

pensive and Council's aid in procuring funds in order to make the test accessible to all students is essential. Along with Council's assurance for support, Mr. Berkowitz predicted a donation from the alumni organization.

Chairmen of both the Audio-Visual Committee and Speaker's Bureau reported next to Council. The two Council appointees explained their limited activity in the past and discussed prospects for the future.

Joseph Stechler requested YCSC support for the national lobbying campaign for Jewish issues. This request is now being reviewed and will be resubmitted at a future date. One of the last items covered concerned student publications. Citing what he deemed to be unnecessary neglect and inappropriateness on the part of this and last year's COMMENTATOR, Mr. Wexler suggested that a poll be taken in order to ascertain the exact nature of student opinion concerning the college's newspaper. This suggestion and evaluation was augmented by Mr. Ostreicher

who proposed that Council be allowed to insert an article or editorial in any edition of THE COMMENTATOR.

A debate ensued concerning the validity of some of Mr. Wexler's accusations and the role of a newspaper on a college campus. It was finally decided to form a Council committee to meet with the governing board of THE COMMENTATOR. The declared purpose of this committee is to strengthen the liaison between the college's student council and newspaper.

## Educational Costs Present Threats To Yeshiva HS's

By BARRY SALTZMAN

The crushing costs of education today, combined with the intense demand for that commodity extending today to a college degree, have presented a serious threat to the yeshiva high schools of the New York City area. The threat comes in the form of a liberal early admissions policy on the part of the City University of New York (CUNY). Under such a policy, high school students apply for admission to a CUNY college for what would be their senior year in high school. Though the requirements do vary with each city college, they are, on the whole, remarkably liberal, and so apply to a greater number of students than might be supposed. The effects of his policy on yeshivot in the New York City area—the thinning senior classes and the loss of funds—have been sufficiently serious to worry many local yeshiva high school principals into taking concerted action.

Two men who are deeply concerned by the problem are Rabbi S. Hirt of the Community Service Division and Rabbi David Eliach of Flatbush Yeshiva, both of whom were kind enough to discuss early admission, and the Council's response to it, with THE COMMENTATOR.

Rabbi Hirt's office occupies room 419 of the Community Service Division of RIETS. He is constantly in close touch with all developments in Jewish education, and is Commission Director of the Yeshiva High School Principal's Council which held a conference last December at the Monsey Park Hotel. Explaining the Council's workings to THE COMMENTATOR, he noted that it meets every two months and is "well attended". To him the Monsey Conference served a definite purpose. It focused the principals' attention on the problems of early admissions and forced them to prepare reactions. It allowed both guidance officials and students themselves to be heard at an official gathering.

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## YC Active In Soviet Jewry Rally News Media Provides Coverage

By WARREN GLICKSTEIN

On Tuesday, February 6, approximately 150 students from Yeshiva University participated in a rally held at the United Nations' Isaiah Wall on behalf of Soviet Jewry. According to The New York Times 300 people participated in the rally but rally organi-

zers felt that up to 500 protesters were there (Rally organizers point to the fact that virtually the entire Ramaz High School student body showed up which, by itself, numbers 225 students). The rally was planned to coincide with a scheduled visit to the United Nations by Vladimir F. Promyslov, Mayor of Moscow. The hoped-for confrontation failed to materialize, however, owing to the fact that Mayor Promyslov postponed his visit until later in the day after plans for the rally had been announced. Officially, the reason for the postponement was given as an

unexpectedly heavy schedule.

The rally was organized by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the demonstrators heard speeches by Stanley Lowell, chairman of the Conference, and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, an instructor in JSS and rabbi of the Lincoln Square Synagogue. In addition, Sherwood Goffin performed.

The demonstration was extremely orderly except for one attempt by members of the Jewish Defense League to stage a sit-in on First Avenue opposite (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)



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Yeshiva College students participate in Soviet Jewry rally.



# An EMC Weakness

At the end of every semester a week is designated for the exclusive purpose of making time available for consultation with professors and reading. This study period serves the vital educational objective of partially relieving the burden of finals in order to allow for more independent and individual study. Recently, however, the EMC student body has witnessed the gradual impingement of this opportunity. These students have found EMC finals encroaching on their study period, reducing it from a week to, often, little more than one day. This schedule has the unfortunate disadvantages of both denying the student sufficient time for meaningful independent study and causing an unnecessary disparity between EMC students and those from the other Judaic studies divisions who are usually free the entire week.

THE COMMENTATOR strongly urges Dean Rabinowitz to modify the EMC final schedule into one that would no longer interfere with the reading week. Perhaps the most practical system would be one in which the majority of EMC finals are given on the last day of classes. JSS, whose academic structure is similar to that of EMC's, consistently managed to administer all their exams in this fashion. If EMC would follow suit, the study week would again be part of the educational experience for all YC students as it was originally intended.

# A Viable Alternative

An essential prerequisite for the success of any given class is that its students begin the course with comparable levels of proficiency in the subject to be taught. A class cannot be run effectively if its instructor must address one half the class on one level and the other half on another. Owing to varying standards in their earlier education, students entering Hebrew tend to differ more widely in the extent of their

background knowledge than students entering other language courses. The Hebrew department recognizes this fact and, consequently, divides freshman Hebrew classes into two sections; Hebrew 1-2 for students with relatively stronger backgrounds in the subject of 1a-2a for those students with weaker backgrounds. The choice of which section to enter is not left up to the students but, rather, is based upon tests required for entry into the university which measures one's knowledge of the language. THE COMMENTATOR cannot understand, however, why this system is abandoned one year later when freshmen continue on into Hebrew 3, 4 as sophomores.

As the situation stands, the choice is left to the student as to which class he wishes to be in. One class given on Sunday is supposedly designated for weaker students, but the fact is that each and every sophomore Hebrew Literature (3, 4) class consists of a crude conglomerate of students whose knowledge of Hebrew, particularly in regard to vocabulary, range from moderate proficiency to total ignorance. Part of the blame for the unevenly balanced classes must be laid on the students, many of whom allow schedule conveniences or teacher preferences to out-

weigh entirely any consideration of what would be best in terms of their own advancement in the language. On the other hand, the administration makes no real effort to publicize the fact that one class is specifically geared to a more elementary level of study so that many students are simply unaware of the option available to them. The result is that in all four sophomore Hebrew classes the progress of the more advanced students is retarded by the weaker students who themselves must stumble through a course which, to a certain extent, is over their heads.

THE COMMENTATOR strongly recommends that tests be given by the Hebrew Department along with the freshman year June finals with the sole purpose of determining the proficiency level of each student and dividing the following year's classes accordingly. Those students in 1a-2a who have advanced in the course of their first year to the point where they can mesh effectively with the students in 1-2 would be assigned to 3, 4 classes and those who have not, along with those in 1-2 who have done particularly poorly, would be assigned to 3a, 4a classes. Such a system would begin to make a worthwhile Hebrew Literature class a viable possibility.

# Letters To The Editor

## WHAT IS A B.A.?

To the Editor:

I have often heard the college diploma being referred to as a union card, enabling one to gain entry into the professional world. However, it was never specified what kind of a diploma in particular.

I am the not necessarily proud owner of a liberal arts diploma. The only door this key would open would be to graduate school, otherwise its use is extremely limited in a market where there is an over-abundant supply of holders of this commodity. Since my thinking is not along the line of Dean Bacon (who related to me that hackneyed story of "my sons the doctor, lawyer, engineer. I'm proud of, but my other son the plumber I don't mention with such pride even though his money sent his brothers through school") that degrees are a prerequisite for success and to be favorably looked upon, I am an anomaly among Yeshiva College graduates. I have no intention to go on to graduate school. So what did my "union card" qualify me for in my search for full time employment? Nothing. What it did do was almost disqualify me for my last job. A truck driver for Olin Water Service Laboratories, for whom I added chemicals into the water systems of various establishments to inhibit corrosion in the pipes. How did I like the job? I parried the question with the answer — "Well, eh — the initial enthusiasm has waned." With a college education I should have been doing something better.

Why don't I go into teaching? A most fallacious reason given by many who minor in education is that they will have something to fall back on. Unless you are really cut out to be a teacher you don't belong. I sum up my pedagogical career (the spring 1972 semester as the 7th grade secular teacher at the Lubavitcher Yeshiva of the Bronx) by stating, "Idealistically it's to shape and mold young minds, but pragmatically it's to keep those brats to sit still for five minutes."

And here is the crux of the gripe: this letter is all about.

Instead of all that hogwash (politeness prevents me from using a less euphemistic but more appropriate term) about college degrees being "union emphasis" should be placed on the fact that many non-collegiate training programs do exist that can lead to careers more

interesting than what the unspecialized degree can offer. I feel that maybe in my groping around if I were guided along more technical and less academic lines I would have already found more enjoyment.

Barry Groeschler '72

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## From the Editor's Desk



## Assorted Shorts

By Mark Koslowe

We are pleased to announce a change in the classification system in the Gottesman Library. The first digit of each number is now J, which replaced W (previously W stood for 296). Since the library has often complained of its insufficient staffing we wonder why they spend effort on this shift. The vital time is needed to classify books or even unpack them from their crates.

The next item is of concern to at least half of our student body. Rabbi Charlap has added on two weeks to the YP-RIETS calendar for this Spring semester. We only note that this was done without informing the student body and is against regulations of not changing the school calendar once it is set up. (Ask Professor Silverman)

Our third short concerns some of the voting on the YC Senate. We assume that when a senate member argues a point quite vigorously he will back up his remarks by his voting. It is quite peculiar that the Dean had much to say on medical ethics and credits for students attending Israeli yeshivot, yet failed to participate on either vote — except by abstention.

UP exams — this area requires more space than an allotted capsule, however it is important to comment on the futility of this test. Based on last year's results most of the seniors required to take the UP's will either be taking a GRE make-up or a departmental comprehensive test in their major. As brought up last year in the senate, we find it unjustifiable why seniors are forced to take the exam for the purpose of comparing our rating with other schools. The poor showing of seniors would seem to indicate the real student knowledge based on what they are taught or the unfairness of the exam as a guide to that knowledge. Since our academic standards are quite good it must be the latter.

YCSC — now entering its second semester we can only hope for improvements. The Techiya, Tay Sachs, and other independent programs need the already extended help of council and the student body in order to insure their success. We still wait for innovative proposals on the part of council to supplement ideas placed on the YC Senate floor for debate.

THE COMMENTATOR will continue its policy of city-wide editions and expanded copies covering the entire University. The two city-wide editions of the first semester were well received and in the first city-wide edition of this semester we will publish letters received from other college students. The editions covered the NYU, Brooklyn, Hunter, Lehman, City, Barnard and Columbia campuses. We will try to shift to Queens College for this semester. Despite not having received comments from any of the divisions which comprise our University we will continue our expanded circulation in order to give this experiment a year trial.

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## El Cid



## A Smart Move

By Sid Rosman

Spring is approaching and those students contemplating a year's study in Israel must soon decide exactly what they will do next year. Though remaining in the United States offers an abundance of convenient reasons which any student can find to justify his staying here for four years, doing so would be quite foolish. I grant that a college in which one feels at home and knows all the ropes is easier than a strange and new university in a foreign country, and that there are always a multitude of "important" personal reasons for staying home — a student might miss his parents, get screwed for graduate school (very prevalent among pre-meds and pre-dents), not be able to fulfill requirements, and so forth. However, I've gone through the entire process of thinking of going to Israel, worrying about med-school, trying to fit in requirements, hesitating for months and finally deciding.

I spent a year at Hebrew University and I believe that it was the most enjoyable and educating year of my life. It doesn't matter whether one studies at a secular university, works on a kibbutz, or learns in a yeshiva; the knowledge and experience gained thereby far outweigh the "convenient" advantages mentioned above. Just being away from one's home, family, and familiar surroundings is an invaluable experience in independence that is both beneficial and essential to maturing college students. This lesson, of course, can be learned as easily in any foreign country and for those to whom Israel holds no specific importance, I agree. A year's study in France, England, or Belgium is also far better than staying in Yeshiva. During the year's time, a student can broaden his outlook of the world and expand his interests by living and participating in a society

completely different from his own. For those, however, to whom Israel represents both an essential part of our heritage and a modern miracle of Jewish endurance and fortitude, simply being in Israel for a long period of time holds numerous benefits aside from those gained from what one does there.

Life is quite different in Israel than in the United States and though a tourist can usually sense the difference, it is only by living among Israelis that one can truly understand and appreciate it. For many Jews who dream of emigrating to Israel such an appreciation is all-important because far too many "olim chadashim" (new immigrants) find their dreams and hopes shattered upon their first initiation to Israeli society.

Aside from this practical benefit, there is also an emotional one gained by being in a land which is, by and large, populated and ruled by Jews. Speaking Hebrew, walking the streets of Jerusalem on Shabbat, seeing Jewish soldiers and policemen, and feeling the invisible atmosphere of closeness and self-pride of Israelis are all irreplaceable and invaluable experiences for galut Jews.

Though people often wonder what Israel has for them per-  
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## WYUR To Implement Program Adjustments For Coming Semester

By DAVID BLASS

Chayim Stramer, general manager of WYUR, announced some major innovations expected to be implemented this semester.

Many of the innovations expected to take place will include more programs on specifically Jewish topics. Among these will be Rabbi Riskin's weekly lecture series as well as SSSJ sponsored telephone calls to the Soviet Union.

Students can also expect to hear more Jewish music and less rock. Other special features are Yale Butler's weekly program, "Jewish University of the Year" and interviews with famous Israeli personalities. Student leaders from both YC and Stern will be interviewed in order to update students on policies and coming events. Another feature projected for this term is a live transmission of the Rav's English shiur to be held next month.

Mr. Stramer further announced that there would be secular innovations as well. Sports fans will be hearing more on wrestling and fencing as well as basketball. Furthermore, students will be able to obtain free old albums from the clearout expected to take place this term.

In conclusion, Mr. Stramer said that WYUR is one of the few student organizations that bridge both YU and Stern students in that students from both schools are on the staff and radio programs are broadcasted simultaneously to both campuses.

## Alumni Report

## The Role of Yeshiva Alumni In The Day School Movement

By Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky

THE ROLE of Yeshiva —

As one of the first Yeshivot in the Western Hemisphere, our alma mater concentrated upon inspiring and training men to go into the rabbinate and into chinuch. During the major portion of its existence, especially during the first half of this century, there was an urgent need to keep great masses of new immigrants from serving false gods and to help them remain within the fold. English-speaking rabbis and teachers who understood the unique problems of the second generation youth were crucial in this process, and Yeshiva came strategically to the fore in providing the proper spiritual and educational leadership for the

far-flung communities of this continent.

As time went on, it became apparent that lay leadership was as crucial as professional direction. And in this realm, too, Yeshiva, through its ever-growing complex of schools for the emerging fields of science, social work, special education and higher Jewish learning and research, provided a regular corps of men — and later women too — who made their way into the scientific, university and social welfare fields, while remaining true to their faith. With the mobility of the population so characteristic of these last few decades, these alumni spread throughout  
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## Rebbetzin Jungreis Crusades To Recapture Jewish Souls

By HOWARD SCHRANZ

"When the Almighty called up Abraham to give of himself and to commit his descendants to His holy cause, Abraham answered 'Hineni! Here I am, ready to do your bidding, Lord.' In every generation the pattern has been repeated. Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and all the prophets of Israel, when called upon, cried out unhesitatingly, 'Hineni.' In every country of our exile, in the midst of oppression and servitude, in moments of distress as well as

moments of joy, the Jewish people have repeated the cry of 'Hineni.' Now let us all cry out to G-d, 'Hineni!'"

Many do, and, of course, many do not, but nearly everyone in City College's Student Union Lounge is affected by the somewhat melodramatic speaker, a mid-thirtyish woman in a tzniusdik but fashionable midi and an off-blonde sheitel. The scene is repeated on campuses throughout the country as Rebbetzin Jungreis, whom the N.Y. Post called "the Jewish answer to Billy Graham," lectures to America's college youth.

## Significant Undertaking

Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis is familiar to many as the Dear Abby of the Jewish Press, but her latest endeavor, the Hineni movement, is clearly her most significant undertaking.

Rebbetzin Jungreis has assumed an extremely active role within her own community. In her duties as Rebbetzin, Esther has persuaded scores of women to observe Taharat Hamishpacha. She has helped many families to kasher their homes, acted as a marriage counselor, and has dissuaded numerous potential intermarriages. In the meantime she has also been writing her weekly column, a sort of orthodox Jewish Dear Abby, in the Jewish Press. It has largely been through this column that she has become acquainted with the religious and social problems of today's Jewish youth and it is to Jewish youth that she directs most of her efforts. Seven years ago, the Rebbetzin helped establish a kosher kitchen at Stony Brook, and she still finds time to teach a weekly Chumash shiur for teenagers. Hineni, however, is already the Rebbetzin's most crucial project. "It is my belief," the Rebbetzin told COMMENTATOR, "that this generation more than any before it, is ready for Yiddishkeit. Today's young people, after having already tasted affluence and having experienced the drug culture, are hungry for the truly spiritual, that which is lasting and gives life. That is why, as never  
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And, most importantly, it was "the first time principals sat down and shared curricula with their chaverim." In exploring the cause of the flight of certain students to CUNY, Rabbi Hirt listed three main factors noted by the Conference: the economics of education—"parents are eager to save money," the competition be-

tween colleges to obtain quality students which makes early admissions an expedient means to lure new students, and the attitude of students themselves. "The students want to get out into society." This means that with the exodus of students, yeshiva high schools find their classes "decimated," their funds dwindling and their staffs cut short for lack of students. Rabbi Hirt explained that yeshiva responses have taken two forms. "You can say that the senior year is a waste—that's what those who have Israel Programs or Community Service Programs do. Or you can say that it is not a waste and institute new programs within the school itself." Administrators have tried to talk parents and students out of early admissions. "We should advise them of the lower standards (at CUNY)," Rabbi Hirt continued, pointing out that through his talks with CUNY officials they expressed the feeling that standards have fallen somewhat in recent years.

A similar view was taken by Rabbi David Eliach, principal of the Yeshiva of Flatbush and president of the Yeshiva High Schools Principals Council. "It is dangerous to send students on campus at 17 or 16½. Our job (the yeshiva high schools) is to make them into good Jews. Open enrollment cuts 25% of the Jewish education we can supply; if we have problems with graduates after four years, how much more so after three years...?" When questioned about an early admissions policy in conjunction with YU or newly-formed Touro College (which also stresses Jewish

education), the Rabbi smiled. "The problem of our allowing early admissions to YU is that we would have to grant permissions to enter all schools once it is granted to students willing to attend YU." Regarding the Council, Rabbi Eliach admitted that it is limited by a "self discipline problem" and depends on "good will" to bind its members. Nevertheless, he maintained that there is "a wonderful rapport and understanding" and he feels that the Council's work justifies its existence.

The Council's response to the early admissions problem was formulated at the Conference in Monsey, where they decided to bring the matter directly to representatives of the State Board of Education. The principals took a two-sided approach: one, to halt the abuses perpetrated by CUNY, and two, to create programs exciting and challenging enough to stem the flow of junior students from "shiurim" to college classrooms. The principals protested to state officials that city colleges were accepting students without a recommendation from the yeshiva the students were attending, all in violation of CUNY's own regulations. Indeed, neither colleges nor students were notifying the high schools of the transfer, thus leaving them in a quandary come the fall semester. Arguing further that since the Board already recognizes that high schools can supply college level courses as in the AP (Advanced Placement) programs, the principals suggested that more college courses be made available in the senior  
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## CSD Helps Sponsor A Sephardic Festival

By ISRAEL WAHRMAN

As a recognition of Israel's 25th Anniversary, the theme of this year's Fifth Annual Sephardic Cultural Festival was "Cultural Contributions of Sephardic Jewry to the State of Israel." The event was held in Yeshiva's Nathan Lampert Auditorium on Sunday, January 21.

Featured at the Festival was "Musical Contributions of Sephardim to the State of Israel by Israeli Hazzanim." Numerous guest cantors participated including Rabbi Raphael Yair Elnadev, Chief Hazzan, Shaare Zion Syrian Congregation, Brooklyn; and Rev. Isaac Behar, Hazzan, Sephardic Jewish Community and Brotherhood of Los Angeles, Temple Tifereth Israel.

Also on the program were Dr. Israel Miller, Yeshiva's Vice President for Student Affairs and President of the American Zionist Federation; Edgar J. Nathan 3rd, President, Congregation Shearith Israel, The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, America's oldest congregation,

and Dr. Daniel J. Elezar, Professor of Political Science, Temple University and Acting Chairman of the American Branch, World Sephardi Federation.

Following the program there was a tour of exhibits in Yeshiva's Mendel Gottesman Library. The exhibits included photographs from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's recent exhibit of historic synagogues, traditional Oriental and Occidental apparel and jewelry, and paintings by Israeli artists.

Yeshiva University has a large Sephardic Studies Program which is now in its 9th year. Several courses are offered at Yeshiva as part of this program. The program is complemented by the Sephardic Community Activities Program, directed by Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky, one of this year's Festival coordinators. Part of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, the Sephardic Community Activities Program sponsors an annual Sephardic Cultural Festival, provides youth activities, lectures, and adult education courses.



## Higher Educational Costs Threaten Schools As Seniors Leave For Early Admissions

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year in high school. The response of the Board was, in Rabbi Hirt's words, "some degree of enthusiasm." Council won concessions that from now on respective yeshiva high schools would be notified and that every student would be required to submit a recommendation from his high school. However, the City University retained the final right to accept or reject applicants on early admission. In effect, CUNY simply agreed to follow the standards which are set by CUNY itself at its own discretion.

If early admissions is here to stay what avenues are left open

with which the high schools can turn out "good Jews"? If in the near future yeshiva high schools will be confronted with only three years in which to do their jobs, must the curriculum be condensed, intensified, and jammed into a three year program, or will the yeshivot tailor and trim their respective curricula, stressing fields most likely to implant Jewish identity or the ability to "learn" by oneself, while dropping others?

Both Rabbis Eliach and Hirt dismissed major changes as "irrelevant", since the basics must be taught before innovative programs can be instituted, and spoke instead of an intensified curriculum. While leaving the door open for necessary innovations and adjustments, Rabbi Eliach stressed the point that the same basic material of Chumash, Talmud, etc., must be covered and that it simply will have to be done in a shorter period of time. This leaves little opportunity for extra courses. Rabbi Hirt voiced his rather pessimistic view in blunter terms. "As long as the primary concern of parents is secular education, who cares what happens to the Limudel Kodesh?" meaning that as long as the parents, as a

prime pressure group, do not exercise their power to further Jewish education Judaic studies suffer. Unfortunately, such is often the case. And as for the yeshivot themselves, the stress is on quantity, not quality, on "what the teacher teaches, not what the students are taught." Thus with the amount of material covered in Judaic studies as the criterion for yeshiva success in many instances, Rabbi Hirt, as does Rabbi Eliach, sees no significant change on the yeshiva scene. "Good schools will get better," concluded Rabbi Hirt, "because it's in their nature... and bad schools will stay the same." The only hope for improvement, as Rabbi Hirt sees it, is in the upgrading of yeshiva high school courses, both Judaic and secular, so as to merit college credit and thus help maintain their student bodies.

## YC Rallies For Brethren; Media Coverage Provided

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to United Nations building. The attempt quickly proved unsuccessful as most of the assembled crowd ignored exhortations to join in the sit-in and the police speedily removed those who did participate.

The rally's organizers termed the demonstration a moderate success. Although they had hoped for a larger turnout, they contended that in light of the short notice given to students and little advance publicity the turnout was satisfactory. What the organizers were pleasantly surprised about, though, was the large press coverage the rally received. The press, television and radio all covered the rally. The unexpectedly wide coverage was attributed to a graphic demonstration by Ramaz students who donned striped prison uni-



Paul Millman

Rabbi Riskin addressing rally.

forms and sat down to a meal of bread, fish, and water, symbolically sharing the ration of Soviet Jews jailed because of their efforts to emigrate. Credit was also given, if somewhat grudgingly, to the brief abortive JDL scuffle with the police.

The particular turnout for Tuesday's rally evoked specific reactions from the Council on Soviet Jewry, regarding the response obtained from Yeshiva College. The number of Yeshiva College students who showed up went far beyond pre-protest expectations. The presence of college age participants at any given rally is considered critical since a reporter reacts very differently to a demonstration of college students than to one comprised of highschoolers. Had the rally consisted mostly of Yeshiva High School students publicity would probably never have gotten off the ground. The Council has sent letters to Rabbis Besdin, Charlop, and Rabinowitz thanking them for their cooperation in allowing students to attend the rally and to the Yeshiva College student body for making the effort to come. On the other hand, members of the Council were extremely disappointed and critical of Stern College. Many bluntly expressed the feeling that the dismal turnout of Stern students could not be accounted for by anything other than gross apathy on the part of the study body.

## Senate Discusses B.A.-B.S. Degree; Talks Unfinished

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gree, the committee proposed the addition of six to ten credits of science — over and above the number of credits presently required of science majors.

### Proposal Presented

On February 8, Sam Safran presented the proposal of the B.A./B.S. committee to the Senate. Defending the proposal, Mr. Safran stated that there were advantages to the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree for graduate schools in America as well as in Israel. The added purpose would be to "further educate a person in the sciences."

Mr. Safran claimed that it is too difficult to train a YC student to be both a broadly educated person as well as a trained scientist and therefore the student should be given a choice as to which of these two goals he wishes to pursue.

Prof. Hyman in presenting the case against the B.S. degree stated that one of the goals at

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## A Smart Move

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sonally, there literally exists something for everyone. Anyone seriously interested in Talmud and other Limudel Kodesh can find any number of yeshivot in Israel ranging the entire gamut of religious leanings — from "secular" yeshivot in which Jewish history, philosophy, and language are part of the curriculum, to those in which Talmud

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Whichever type of program appeals to you, I advise you to begin planning now, even if you happen to be a freshman (planning ahead eliminates last minute summer school courses and the hassles that they entail). It isn't too late, however, even for those sophomores who might just now be beginning to think of a year's study abroad — remember, something can always be arranged.

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ing various yeshivot and universities in Israel in addition to my own columns. If you have any problems or questions feel free to contact me (at 781-5340 after 10 P.M. weekdays) and I will be glad to help you. If I can't, I'll be more than happy to find you someone who can.

## The President Speaks

## Our Tremendous Potential

By Hillel Davis

Perhaps what has been plaguing council this past semester more than anything else has been a very noticeable dearth of publicity. I'm not really sure with whom the responsibility for this oversight resides and I don't entirely understand what has caused it. The relative paucity of journalistic publicity prior to the December concert and the complete absence of any report subsequent to it was entirely incomprehensible. Explanations were offered but seemed to be lacking quite a bit of substance. My purpose, however, is not to dwell on the past but rather to prevent our mistakes from recurring. Council must stop relying on others and in a sense begin blowing its own horn.

At the moment I'm referring specifically to two projects which were begun last semester. The first was initiated after Rabbi Bleich spoke on Yom-Iyun and concerns Tay Sachs disease. We will be sponsoring a clinic for Tay-Sachs testing. The details of the disease are fairly well-known. Found almost exclusively in Jews of Eastern European descent, the means of coping with the disease in the past have not necessarily been completely halachic. Since it is a very relevant issue for most of the Yeshiva student body, we are now in the process of setting up the testing clinic for late in this semester. In order to better inform the Yeshiva student as to the facts and reality of this situation the same committee which has been working out the details of the clinic has arranged for a speaker to discuss the topic sometime at the beginning of next month. Anyone interested in further details should contact Mark Breslow or Mark Greenbaum.

The second project was also initiated last semester by Rabbi Heshy Reichman. He spent this past summer doing volunteer work with Russian Olim in Israel. The typical Oleh Chadash from Russia faces a tremendous adjustment — from a social economic and religious viewpoint. Rabbi Reichman and the group of people he was working with attempted to make that adjustment a bit easier. They taught Hebrew, provided necessary information about the country itself, and tried to provide a religious backdrop to this new experience they were encountering.

At present this work is being continued by young men and women who are studying at various Israeli institutions. Many are former YU and Stern students, who take from their free time to go out to the settlements at which the olim are placed and run shabbatonim; they also provide many of the religious articles the olim need — things like tefillin and tzitzit. Those who speak a little Yiddish can even make the newcomers feel a bit more at home in their strange environment with short simple conversations.

An attempt is now being made by Rabbi Reichman to expand this program. He is projecting towards a summer in which interested students can live with the new olim at the merkazal klita and provide a constant source of aid. The task of adjusting to Israeli society is not an easy one for anyone and all possible assistance is most worthwhile. He wants to expand beyond a random sort of weekend program to a consistent and constant live-in situation. The results should be significantly improved.

A second aspect of this project involves work that could be done here in the States — simply termed, fund-raising. A project like this involves money because Tchiya, as the project has been named, is attempting to provide some sort of subsidy for those students interested in the work in Israel.

Both parts of the project are ambitious and very worthwhile. Anyone interested in what he can do to help or anyone interested in further information should contact Rabbi Reichman, Shaye Wexler, or myself. The potential is tremendous and if at all possible we should all act now.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend a hearty mazal tov to Lenny Davis '73, Contributing Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, on his engagement to Shellie Black.

and its related works are the only food for thought.

For the more secular-minded there are a number of fine universities which offer excellent, accommodating progress for foreign students and a course schedule that makes Yeshiva look like a high school. Though science laboratory courses are difficult to obtain, most other courses are open to any qualified, interested student. Through prior arrangements with the Registrar's Office, certain school requirements can be taken in Israel, thus further alleviating any problems one might find in leaving for a year.

There are always a number of students who simply do not want to attend any sort of school at all, and for them, too, Israel has programs to offer. Kibbutzim and moshavim are always looking for volunteers to work





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# Rebbetzin Jungreis 'A Guide For Youth'

## Hineni

Rebbeitzin Jungreis blames the older generation of American Jewry for the deplorable state of today's Jewish youth. She believes that they have failed to provide the spirituality that the

Hineni is beginning to pick up steam and receive widening publicity. A feature article on the movement will soon appear in Newsweek and last week's lecture at City College was taped for future broadcast on fifty-eight local networks. A high point in the future of Hineni will be a mass "Jewish Awakening" at Madison Square Garden on June third. A mass gathering is vital, Rebbetzin Jungreis told THE COMMENTATOR, "because we must have something of this nature in order to capture the hearts and souls of the unaffiliated. The Rebbetzin hopes that the Garden event will result in creating new Hineni clubs.

To the average college audience, Rebbetzin Jungreis's lectures may very well seem melodramatic. She often emphasizes old hackneyed themes, the Holocaust, the Six-Day War, or the Kotel. Her sarcasm at the expense of America's older Jewry often seems excessively exaggerated. (One of her favorite tales involves one Morris, né Moishe, an immigrant to the East Side, his children Milty and Shirley, and his grandson, Kevin, who leaves his Garden City home and color T.V. to find spiritual meaning in India.) One should bear in mind, though, that similar tactics have been implemented with great success by the Christian Key 73 program. Of course, it is too soon to tell whether Hineni will have any large-scale, lasting effects, but according to the Rebbitzin across the country's campuses Jesus freaks as well as the gay, the liberated, the freaked out, and the dropped out are answering with "Hineni!"

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Added to all this there is the psychological impact of Yeshiva or what can be called—for the want of a better term—the “pub-

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# Editor Responds To NY Post Concerning Recent Mite Game

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other team leading the league in crew cuts, afros, or pony tails? He finds it necessary to comment that a ballplayer was wearing sneakers of a different color, yet would he make that comment concerning a pro basketball team?

**No Acknowledgement**  
Reporting about a team which he knew had a 3-8 record (and that's all that he knew), he didn't make any attempt to speak to Coach Jonathan Halpert about the team, the game, or the season. He failed to recognize the fact that the Yeshiva student spends from 25-35 hours per week in class, leaving at most six hours per week for practice. He failed to acknowledge that because of final examinations and intersession, the team practiced a total of six hours the entire month preceding this game. These are in no way meant to be excuses for the poor performance; they are merely facts that Mr. Valerio saw no need to recognize. I feel that these facts deserve more mention than the referee fixing the net and the fans wanting Charlie!

A word now about the one comment made about the Lehman ballplayers not dribbling the ball. This is a good chance for Mr. Valerio to learn that against a zone defense, passing (and not dribbling) is the goal which every coach would like to reach. Finally, I would like invite Mr. Valerio to attend another Yeshiva game. Maybe this time he

will choose a game which he believes has possibilities of being a good contest.

This article was of course ill received by all those that have followed the progress of the Mites but there was something else which was even more injuring than the article. What hurt the most was that many YU students have openly said that they thought the article was cute, humorous, and the truth about the team. They have said that for exactly this reason Yeshiva should drop its basketball team. In return, I say that this is exactly the reason that we all should put that much more effort into improving our basketball program in order that in the future we can have a more than presentable team. Let us not give anybody the chance to say that Yeshiva has dropped its basketball team because they felt that the Yeshiva Mighty

Mites could never play a good basketball game against a good basketball team.

On a much more enjoyable note, the Yeshiva Alumni Basketball Association held its first Alumni game on Saturday night, February 10. The event must be considered a great success with twenty stars out of Yeshiva's past competing against each other. Many alumni also attended to watch the stars hit the hoops once again. Sheldon Rokeach, Harold Perl, Stu Poloner, Jonathan Halpert, Rabbi Mickey Orlian, and Marvin Herschkowitz were among the many who participated and all were glad to be reunited with their coach, Bernard "Red" Sarachek. All involved, including the 200 fans present had an enjoyable evening and are hoping that the alumni game will become an annual event.

## Seniors Defeat Sophs To Capture Fall Intramural Title; 'Dudi' Yammer Named Most Valuable Player Of Contest

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scored 10 points in a row and charged in front 35-31, whereupon a soph streak closed the gap, tying the score 37-37. Late in the 4th quarter, with the freshmen holding a 47-41 lead, the sophs, hanging by a thread from elimination, managed to tie the score at 47, four of the points coming within the last 30 seconds.

With no time left on the clock, Polak was fouled, and had a chance to win it for the sophs. He missed the shot. In the first overtime, the teams traded baskets. Freshman Paul Lerer missed a shot at the buzzer of the first extra session, and fouled out to start the second. With that, the sophs broke through, player-coach Hilton Soniker leading the charge to a 60-55 win.

Menche took the scoring honors with 21 points, with teammate Jerry Levine netting 12. Polak was the man for the sophs with 18 points, and Sid Taubensfeld added 14.

The sophs advanced to meet

the seniors in the final. Throughout the game the seniors had little problem keeping the soph scorers at bay, basically for two reasons: Polak wasn't playing, and the seniors had taller players. The senior offense had a little trouble early in the game, but used the height factor to their fullest advantage in the 2nd half to win going away.

The score was close the entire first half, which ended with the sophs enjoying a three-point lead, 14-11. Herb Insel played a fine first half, both offensively and defensively, to help the sophs keep the score close.

But early in the 2nd half, the seniors, discovered a gross mismatch in their favor. Soph center Carmi Lindenberg could not handle senior pivotman Dudi Yammer, and Yammer started scoring repeatedly on short jumpers and hook shots. The senior defense did the rest. The score after three quarters was

29-21, and the game ended at 49-39. The final score was not indicative of the one-sidedness of the game because of Sid Taubensfeld's flurry of baskets with little time remaining.

Dudi Yammer scored 24 points, 17 in the second half and was named most valuable player of the championship game. Morris Tilson helped with 10 points. On the losing side Taubensfeld, with 14 points, and Insel, with 13, led the Sophs.

## Ellmen Decimate Bronx Community

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utes away, the Ellmen could sit back and enjoy their sixth win as well as roast beef sandwiches.

Which brings us to the topic of wins, records, and other meaningful statistics. The Ellmen have more wins than all the other YU teams put together, which isn't saying too much. What is impressive is the matmen's .666 winning percentage. It has been accomplished with good coaching, a little luck, and a lot of practice. Take this Thursday night's meet with Brooklyn College at 7:30 for example. The extra practices put in by the team this week could be the difference, or a large home crowd might be the deciding factor. In any case, at the risk of being awarded a "prune juice", this reporter will predict victory number seven for Coach Ellmen and his grapplers.

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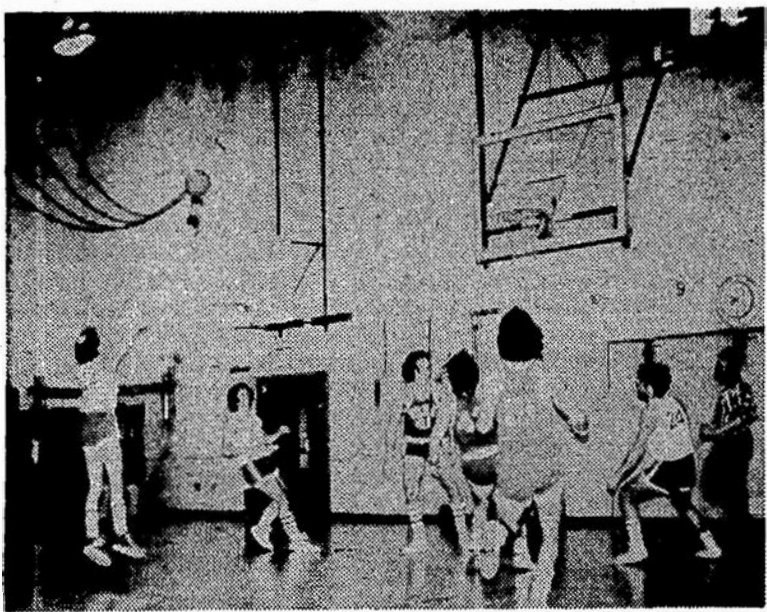
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On the way: Haber "ups it" in YU-York tilt.

## Mites Are Floundering Of Late Paucity Of Practice A Factor

By NORMAN S. BLUMENTHAL

Due to the long time span since the last issue of the COMMENTATOR this article has to cover seven games. Three of those seven games were before intersession and the Mites won two of them, beating Pratt 68-63 and New Paltz 79-76 in overtime. Since intersession the Mites have floundered, lacking the cohesion they possessed at the end of the first half of the season. In two of these last four games the Yeshiva basketball team has embarrassed both themselves and the school with deplorable performances.

In the first of the seven games Yeshiva, although it played far from its best game of the year, was able to beat Pratt. Six members of the Pratt team fouled out including their starting five, forcing them to play the last thirty seconds with just three men on the court. This may seem laughable but it took some clutch foul shooting in the last minute by David Wilzig, who was the leading scorer, to insure the victory. Paul Merlis pulled down 27 rebounds before exiting from the

## Seniors Capture Intramural Title MVP To Yammer

By YANKEE POLEYEFF

The seniors, who were expected to win the intramural basketball championship this season, did it in convincing fashion by dominating most of the title game and winning 49-39 over the sophomores. The sophs had advanced to the finals by pulling out a victory over the freshmen in a game which made the title contest seem anticlimactic.

The games were refereed by former intramural stars Larry Schiffman and Alvin Rapp, both of whom did outstanding jobs. Few complaints about calls were heard from the team benches.

The freshmen, who tied for first place with the seniors during the regular season, played the seniors to determine who was not required to face the sophs in the semifinal. The seniors had won, 46-33, so the sophs and frosh squared off. With both teams playing cautious, defense-minded basketball, the sophs held a 22-19 lead at halftime, eight of the soph points resulting from Mikey Polak's long outside shots.

With the sophs up by six, 31-25, in the 3rd quarter, the freshmen, led by Dave Menche,

game due to personals in this foul-filled farce.

### Creditable Showing

The next opponent for the Mites was N.Y. Tech, coached by former YU star and coach Sam Stern. Playing one of their better games of the year the Mites stayed with Tech early but their height and our lack of it was the telling factor. This loss for the Mites was their sixth loss against two victories. After this creditable showing and a win in their previous game the team was ready to take on New Paltz.

Last Year YU defeated New Paltz in overtime and it was apparent right from the outset that this year's game would be no different. Paul Merlis got into early foul trouble and "Shoe" Bertram came off the bench to pour 13 points through the hoop in the first half to help YU take a slim lead into the lockerroom at half time. Excellent second half performances by Dave Wilzig and Bruce Wenig forced the game into overtime after New Paltz had possessed a small lead through most of the second half. In the overtime period it was all Yeshiva, the Mites playing possibly their best ball of the season. The top point producer in the overtime was Jimmy Haber who played a fine all around game. The game against New Paltz ended the first half of the season for YU giving the Mites a 3-6 record including three wins in their last five games.

### Apparent Change

But then came intersession, cessation of practice and inactivity, and in their first contest against Adelphi all this was apparent. The Mites could only manage 38 points, their lowest total for the season, in a 78-38 clubbing. Admittedly, Adelphi is a well-coached club with quality personnel, however there is still no excuse for the show the Mites put on for the fans at the Adelphi game.

Coming off this disheartening display we came up against Dominican in a game we had a good chance of winning. After a fine first half showing the Mites lost the game 70-61 because they were unable to put together two good halves. One of the bright spots in this game was the shooting and scoring of Ira Scharaga.

### An Infamous Game

After Dominican the Mites faced Lehman in what may now be termed the infamous Lehman game. The game may be so termed for two reasons. First,

# Grapplers Receive Ovation For Victory; Impress All With Huge Winning Margin

By LARRY EISENBERG

It's the beginning of spring semester, and all YU teams had been mathematically eliminated from 500 seasons months ago, right? Wrong. With the past two victories in as many meets, the Ellmen have upped their record to 6-3 with only three regular meets remaining. For their efforts, the Ellmen finally received long-deserved standing ovations, as well as the first radio coverage in YU wrestling history.

Perhaps the most exciting, and certainly the most convincing win of the season, was the Ell-

men's 42-15 rout of Bronx C.C. After dropping the first two matches, the matmen rolled off seven straight wins to the delight of a home crowd of about 150 fans. Among other things, Steve Edell got his first pin of the year to go with three other wins, Reuben Koolyk won his sixth match against two losses, and Avi Terry made a smashing guest appearance.

### Standing Ovations

Of course there were the standing ovations again and again as Nate Schwitzer, Steve Edell, Manny Ruchelsman, Lenny Press, Reuben Koolyk, and Avi Terry pinned their men. There was even one for Roy Schmuckler who collected the lone forfeit. WYUR also got into the act, with a play by play description of the action periodically drowned out by deafening cheers. The biggest loser of the night was the Ellmen's number one fan, Coach Ellman, who was out with an impacted wisdom tooth.

Not even this, however, was going to ruin the night for Avi Terry and his fan club, which included most of the spectators present. The fans displayed great exuberance as well as good taste in choosing their man. Terry was terrific while exhibiting fine balance, great strength, and excellent showmanship in pinning his opponent, providing the grand finale to an excellent show.

### Sixth Win

Returning from intersession, the Ellmen went on a one meet road trip to try for their sixth win, as they competed against Engelwood Cliffs. After picking up four forfeits as well as three

pins, the matmen had 42 points, leaving just 15 for Engelwood. The meet marked Noah Kline's first pin of the year, accomplished in 57 seconds, to even his record at 4-4. Reuben Koolyk got his first lifetime pin against a heavyweight, and Lenny Press got his fourth pin this year, despite his contact lenses. Manny Ruchelsman also deserves mention for recording his third bloody nose while exhibiting some of the most flawless wrestling of the year. Don't get the idea that the meet was anything less than exciting, but it did provide inspiration for the "prune juice" award.

The winner, drumroll please, was Marty Bodner, who missed a chance for a second heavyweight win while on crutches. Nate Schwitzer ran a close second on the basis of his performance. The only hitch all evening was the lack of towels for showering, but with YU just ten min-

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## YU Fencers Lose To The Superior Brooklyn Duelers

By JEFF KRANTZ

In a match that wasn't close at all the Yeshiva fencing team lost the second match of their season against a much stronger Brooklyn squad, 19-8. After the great number of hours spent practicing under the tutelage of Coach Tauber, such a poor showing was far from expectation.

Brooklyn's superiority was apparent from the opening round as they swept the sabre round of the match. This put Yeshiva at an early disadvantage, helping Brooklyn jump to a 6-3 lead at the end of the first round. The only Yeshiva sabre man that looked impressive was sophomore Ted Ness who, in a later round, decisively beat his man 5-2.

### A Travesty

Foil was next on the agenda and it would have been better if Yeshiva had skipped that section of the match. It was inevitable that a travesty like that would occur, for it was an overconfident fencing team that faced Brooklyn. The team had practiced only once since intersession and that practice was not mandatory, meaning that many of the fencers had not practiced for a month before the match. Coach Tauber has already decided that by the next match the team will have drilled much more so that a much sharper team will represent Yeshiva.

Epee ended the travesty with freshman Steve Bookbinder's upset victory being the only bright note. This section of the meet was supposed to show some of the Yeshiva power with co-captain Neil Weintraub leading the squad, but nothing could have been further from the truth.

Even after losing their first two matches the fencing team's outlook for the rest of the season is still far from grim. They certainly have the material to become winners—tough personnel and an excellent coach—but to this point they seem to be lacking that spark that makes them want to win. Once they regain the spirit of past seasons, Yeshiva should once again have a winning fencing team.

## Editor Responds To New York Post Article Concerning Mite-Lehman Basketball Contest



Paul Millman

Returning: Yeshiva Alumni in half-time ceremonies.

After playing what might have been their worst game of the season, Yeshiva's Mighty Mites returned from Lehman College ready to receive the usual kidding and riding from other Yeshiva students. However, they were in no way expecting the coverage which they received in the next day's New York Post. It was far from a good sports coverage article and therefore it received the following response:

The article, written by Mr. Joseph Valerio (February 8, the late city edition of THE POST, page 66), supposedly dealt with a collegiate basketball contest between Lehman College and Ye-

shiva College. Had the intended purpose of this article been to belittle someone, I must congratulate Mr. Valerio, for he accomplished this with ease. However, is the purpose of a sports article covering an event to demean individuals and an institution or to report the event?

Instead of reporting on any lack of ability (a difficult enough task after seeing a team only once), he chose to degrade the appearance of individuals. He finds it necessary to comment that Yeshiva leads the East in beards, but would he find it necessary to comment about any

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